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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/07/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/30/02
BRO-FRY	159,604	118,248
LT HENS	1,856	1,334
HVY HENS	1,526	1,041

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	235	7	242
LAST WEEK	233	4	237
SAME WK YR AGO	335	0	335
TO DATE 2002	14,372	297	14,669
TO DATE 2001	19,640	290	19,930

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,458	1,017	2,475
LAST WEEK	1,896	1,560	3,456
SAME WK YR AGO	2,267	1,419	3,686
TO DATE 2002	97,495	68,225	165,720
TO DATE 2001	104,830	66,444	171,274

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	115,454 (A)	1,223	1,010	2,233
AVG WT	4.98	3.47	7.79	5.42
LAST WEEK	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219
SAME WEEK YR AGO	157,112	1,932	1,419	3,351
AVG WT	5.18	3.65	7.92	5.46
TO-DATE/2002	7,418,921	83,123	67,928	151,051
TO-DATE/2001	7,363,281	85,190	66,154	151,344

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 116.9 million head or -28.6 million head less than or 80% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING November 23, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	24,263	25,229	37,723
AVG WEIGHT	3.75	4.73	6.19
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	29%	43%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	26,158	26,610	46,014
AVG WEIGHT	3.72	4.74	6.25
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	27%	47%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	18,553	11,666	26,504
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.87	6.20
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	21%	47%
TO DATE/2002	1,206,568	1,059,866	1,942,094
TO DATE/2001	1,452,690	1,279,591	2,026,125

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	946	1,845	16	26	2,833
AVG WT	15.36	37.46	22.32	33.22	29.96
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,146	2,670	52	15	4,883
AVG WT	15.51	36.22	25.13	28.96	26.98
TO-DATE/2002	89,134	132,712	2,573	600	225,019
TO-DATE/2001	97,249	132,680	2,188	553	232,670

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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